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19 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
SUBJECT: External Research Projects

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1. Last Spring your office indicated an interest in the external research projects listed in TAB A attached. As you know, we have explored the possibility of having [] undertake these projects. [] felt that it was not possible to do so. We should like to have an indication of your present interest in each of the projects, and we should like particularly to know if you wish us to try to find other contractors who may be able to undertake the projects in which you still have an active interest.

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2. We should also like to have from you a list of the external research projects that your office plans to undertake for the remainder of FY 53 and FY 54.

3. It will be appreciated if we may have your replies as a basis for preliminary discussion by January 9, 1953.

JAMES Q. REBER
Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination

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PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR [] RESEARCH

Analysis of the Organization of and Controls
Within the Soviet Economy

Input - Output Index in Soviet Economy

Essential Non-Economic Attributes of
Successful Aggressor Nations

Theological and Philosophical Possibilities
of Harmonizing Brahmanism with Western Ideas
of Economic Progress

Theoretic Economic Studies on (a) National
Economic Accounts (b) Budget Analysis (c) Econo-
mic Capabilities for War

Survey of the Processes of Technological
Development in the USSR

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Collection and Dissemination
SUBJECT: External Research Projects

1. We should like to have from you a list of the external research projects, if any, that your office may plan to undertake for the remainder of FY 53 and FY 54.

2. It will be appreciated if we may have a reply as the basis for preliminary discussion January 9, 1953, as well as an indication of any assistance you may need in finding contractors who may be able to undertake certain projects.

JAMES Q. REBER
Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence
SUBJECT: External Research Projects

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2. We should also like to have from you a list of the external research projects that your office plans to undertake for the remainder of FY 53 and FY 54.
3. It will be appreciated if we may have your replies as a basis for preliminary discussion by January 9, 1953.

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Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination

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TAB A

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH

Scientific and Technical Methods for the
Collection of Intelligence Information

Methodology for Forecasting in Scientific
Intelligence

A System of Numerical Portrayals of Air
Defense Capabilities.

Factors Influencing Research and Development
and its Reduction to Practice in a State-
Controlled Economy

Apparatus Used in Medical Research

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence
SUBJECT: External Research Projects

1. Last Spring your office indicated an interest in the external research projects listed in TAB A attached. ^{25X1A5A2}As you know, we have explored the possibility of having ^{25X1A5A3}[] undertake these projects. [] felt that it was not possible to do so. We should like to have an indication of your present interest in each of the projects, and we should like particularly to know if you wish us to try to find other contractors who may be able to undertake the projects in which you still have an active interest.

2. We should also like to have from you a list of the external research projects that your office plans to undertake for the remainder of FY 53 and FY 54.

3. It will be appreciated if we may have your replies as a basis for preliminary discussion by January 9, 1953.

JAMES Q. REBER
Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination

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PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH

Analysis of World-Wide Communist Propaganda
Since the end of War

Soviet Foreign Office Personnel

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, National Estimates

SUBJECT: External Research Projects

1. Last Spring your office indicated an interest in the external research projects listed in TAB A attached. As you know, we have explored the possibility of having undertake these projects. felt that it was not possible to do so. We should like to have an indication of your present interest in each of the projects, and we should like particularly to know if you wish us to try to find other contractors who may be able to undertake the projects in which you still have an active interest.

2. We should also like to have from you a list of the external research projects that your office plans to undertake for the remainder of FY 53 and FY 54.

3. It will be appreciated if we may have your replies as a basis for preliminary discussion by January 9, 1953.

JAMES Q. REBER
Assistant Director
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PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH

Soviet Estimate of Probable U. S. Intentions

Analysis of Long-Range Indicators of Soviet Courses
of Action

Indicators of Sino-Soviet Relations

Factors Determining Soviet Bloc Policy

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SUBJECT: External Research Procedures

1. The office wishing to propose an external research project should define the scope of the project and submit it to OIC. This will, at the discretion of OIC, be referred to the appropriate Deputy Director for approval in principle.
2. a. OIC, OO and the interested office will investigate possible outside organizations or persons who can conduct the study and arrange for discussion with the prospective research institute or person. Contacts required to canvass prospective contractor will be made only after checking with OIC who will check with OO/C. At this stage no commitments will be made.
b. OIC will also canvass the possible interests in the proposed project of other offices to ascertain if such interests can be considered through reasonable modification of the project.
c. OIC will assist the originating office in the preparation of the staff paper which defines the problem and states the reason why an external research project is necessary.
3. The project should now be signed by the Assistant Director of the originating office and be passed to OIC whose concurrence will indicate that:
 - a. All the interests of the Agency have been considered.
 - b. Preliminary negotiation with the prospective contractor has been accomplished.
 - c. The final terms of reference are practicable for the contractor.
 - d. The proposed project has been reviewed in terms of other projects in existence and a conclusion reached that none of those can meet the problem by expanding an existing contract.
4. The project goes to the Project Review Committee when necessary. The originating office and the external research coordinator should be present at the PRC meeting as a routine matter.
5. a. After approval by the DCI or DD as appropriate, OIC will be responsible for securing ^{that} the external research contract is signed and that supporting offices obligated to assist in facilitating the execution of the contract are so notified.

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b. OIG shall be informed of all relations between interested offices and the contractor in the course of the execution of the contract and any difficulties between the contractor and Agency offices shall be immediately brought to the attention of OIG.

c. OIG will report to the appropriate Deputy Director on the progress of the projects. Such reports will be prepared with the cooperation of the originating office.

d. The originating office will report the completion of an external research project to OIG and will forward the report to OIG for reproduction and dissemination.

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